03060101-060

(Twelvemile Creek)

General Description

Watershed 03060101-060 is located in Pickens County and consists primarily of *Twelvemile Creek* and its tributaries from its origin to its confluence with Golden Creek. The watershed occupies 67,805 acres of the Blue Ridge and Piedmont regions of South Carolina. The predominant soil types consist of an association of the Cecil-Hiwassee-Pacolet series. The erodibility of the soil (K) averages 0.25, and the slope of the terrain averages 14%, with a range of 2-80%. Land use/land cover in the watershed includes: 72.5% forested land, 20.3% agricultural land, 6.1% urban land, 0.5% barren land, 0.4% water, and 0.2% forested wetland.

Middle Fork Twelvemile Creek (Big Rock Lake, Youngs Branch, Blacks Branch, Mill Shoals Creek, California Branch, Adams Creek) and North Fork (Findleys Lake, Hagood Branch) join to form Twelvemile Creek. Downstream from the confluence, Twelvemile Creek accepts drainage from Town Creek, Cannon Creek (Gregory Creek, West Fork, Hayes and Collins Lake), Wolf Creek (Raven Branch), Praters Creek, and Rices Creek (Country Club Lake). There are a total of 135.1 stream miles and 273.8 acres of lake waters in this watershed, all classified FW.

Surface Water Quality

Station #	Type	Class	Description
SV-206	S/BIO	FW	NORTH FORK AT US 178, 2.9 MI N OF PICKENS
SV-282	SED	FW	TWELVEMILE CREEK AT S-39-273, 2.8 MI SSW OF PICKENS
SV-740	BIO	FW	RICES CREEK AT S-39-158
SV-739	BIO	FW	TWELVEMILE CREEK AT S-39-137

North Fork (SV-206) – Aquatic life uses are fully supported based on macroinvertebrate community, physical, and chemical data; however, there are significant increasing trends in pH and turbidity. A significant decreasing trend in five-day biochemical oxygen demand suggests improving conditions for this parameter. Recreational uses are partially supported due to fecal coliform bacteria excursions. In addition, there is a significant increasing trend in fecal coliform bacteria concentration.

Rices Creek (SV-740) – Aquatic life uses are fully supported based on macroinvertebrate community data.

Twelvemile Creek – There are two monitoring sites along Twelvemile Creek in this watershed. Only sediment samples are collected at the upstream site (SV-282). P,P'DDE, a metabolite of DDT, was detected in the 1998 sediment sample. Although the use of DDT was banned in 1973, it is very persistent in the environment. PCB 1248 was detected in the 1998 and 1999 sediment samples. PCB 1254 was detected in the 1997 sediment sample. Although the manufacture and use of PCBs was banned in 1979, they are also very persistent in the environment. At the downstream site (SV-739), aquatic life uses are fully supported based on macroinvertebrate community data.

A fish consumption advisory has been issued by the Department for PCBs (Polychlorinated biphenols) and includes Twelvemile Creek within this watershed (see advisory p.37).

NPDES Program

Active NPDES Facilities

RECEIVING STREAM
PACILITY NAME
PERMITTED FLOW @ PIPE (MGD)
PINE (MGD)

NPDES#
TYPE
COMMENT

PRATERS CREEK SC0000434

SPANGLERS GROCERY MIN0R INDUSTRIAL

PIPE #: 001 FLOW: 0.002

RICES CREEK SC0000370

ALICE MFG/FOSTER & ELLJEAN PLT MIN0R INDUSTRIAL

PIPE #: 001 FLOW: 0.055 (PHASE I) PIPE #: 001 FLOW: 0.063425 (PHASE II)

PIPE #: 002 FLOW: 0.008425

TOWN CREEK SC0026492

OWT INDUSTRY, INC. MIN0R INDUSTRIAL

PIPE #: 001, 01A FLOW: 0.037

TOWN CREEK SC0046612

SCHLUMBERGER INDUSTRIES MINOR INDUSTRIAL

PIPE #: 001 FLOW: 0.043

TOWN CREEK TRIBUTARY SCG250154

KENT MANUFACTURING CO. MIN0R INDUSTRIAL

PIPE #: 001, 002 FLOW: M/R

TWELVEMILE CREEK SC0047716

TOWN OF PICKENS/12MILE & WOLF CK REG TRT FAC. MIN0R DOMESTIC

PIPE #: 001 FLOW: 0.95

TWELVEMILE CREEK SC0047899

PICKENS COUNTY STOCKADE LAGOON MINOR DOMESTIC

PIPE #: 001 FLOW: 0.06

MIDDLE FORK TWELVEMILE CREEK SCG643004

TOWN OF PICKENS/WTP MIN0R INDUSTRIAL

PIPE #: 001 FLOW: M/R

WOLF CREEK SC0047198

SANGAMO/BREAZEALE NPL SITE MIN0R INDUSTRIAL

PIPE #: 001 FLOW: 0.13

Nonpoint Source Management Program

Land Disposal Activities
Landfill Facilities

LANDFILL NAME PERMIT #
FACILITY TYPE STATUS

SANGAMO/ERNEST NIX PROPERTY IWP-139 (SCD003344918)

INDUSTRIAL INACTIVE

PICKENS HIGH SCHOOL 392900-1302 SHORT TERM LANDFILL INACTIVE

Land Application Sites

LAND APPLICATION SYSTEM ND# FACILITY NAME TYPE

PERCOLATION POND ND0067407 MONTE VISTA SD DOMESTIC

Water Quantity

WATER USER TOTAL PUMP. CAPACITY (MGD)
STREAM RATED PUMP. CAPACITY (MGD)

TOWN OF PICKENS 10.6 CITY RESERVOIR/NORTH FORK 5.3

TOWN OF PICKENS 4.0
TWELVEMILE CREEK 2.0

Growth Potential

There is a moderate potential for growth in this watershed, which contains portions of the Town of Pickens and a portion of the City of Easley. Commercial growth is predicted between Pickens and Easley along S.C. Hwy 8. Residential growth has the potential to increase, as does industrial growth. Industrial growth is this watershed is due to the established infrastructure and transportation system, and the proximity of I-85 to the industrial community.